SHINDAIWA OWNER'S/OPERATOR'S MANUAL

AHS242 ARTICULATED HEDGE TRIMMER

WARNING!

Always wear eye and ear protection when operating this machine! To minimize the risk of injury to yourself and others, read this manual and familiarize yourself with its contents.

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Introduction

The Shindaiwa AHS242 Articulated Hedge Trimmer is designed and built to deliver superior performance and reliability without compromise to quality, comfort, safety or durability.

Shindaiwa's engines represent the leading edge of high-performance, engine technology, delivering exceptionally high power with remarkably low displacement and weight. As an owner/operator, you'll soon discover for yourself why Shindaiwa is simply in a class by itself!

IMPORTANT!

The information contained in these instructions describes machines available at the time of publication.

Echo Inc. reserves the right to make changes to products without prior notice, and without obligation to make alterations to units previously manufactured.

WARNING!

The engine exhaust from this product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.

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IMPORTANT!

The procedures described in this manual are intended to help you get the most from your unit as well as to protect you and others from harm. These procedures are guidelines for safe operation under most conditions, and are not intended to replace any safety rules and/or laws that may be in force in your area. If you have questions regarding your power tool, or if you do not understand something in this manual, your Shindaiwa dealer will be glad to assist you. You may also contact Shindaiwa at the address printed on the back of this Manual.

Attention Statements

Throughout this manual are special “attention statements”.

DANGER!

A statement preceded by the triangular attention symbol and the word “DANGER” contains information that should be acted upon to prevent serious injury or death.

WARNING!

A statement preceded by the triangular attention symbol and the word “WARNING” contains information that should be acted upon to prevent serious bodily injury.

IMPORTANT!

A statement preceded by the word “IMPORTANT” is one that possesses special significance.

CAUTION!

A statement preceded by the word “CAUTION” contains information that should be acted upon to prevent mechanical damage.

NOTE:

A statement preceded by the word “NOTE” contains information that is handy to know and may make your job easier.

Safety and Operational Labels

An articulated hedge trimmer has the potential to cause serious personal injury to the operator or bystanders if misused, abused or mishandled. You must observe all special safety instructions to reduce the risk of personal injury.

Read and follow this manual, make sure anyone using the trimmer does likewise. Failure to do so could result in serious personal injury or machine failure. Keep this manual for future reference.

Always wear a hard hat to reduce the risk of head injuries during operation of this machine. In addition, always wear eye and hearing protection. Shindaiwa recommends wearing a face shield as additional face and eye protection.

Wear non-slip heavy-duty gloves.

Safety tip shoes or boots with non-slip sole should be worn.

This product conducts electricity. Keep the product and/or operator a minimum distance of 33 feet (10 meters) away from electrical sources and power lines.

Keep bystanders at least 50 feet (15 meters) away from the operating trimmer to reduce the risk of being cut by the cutting blades or struck by falling objects or thrown debris.

The blades / cutting attachments are SHARP! Handle with care.

Be aware of the danger of falling debris.

WARNING ! Surface can be hot. Always wear gloves when handling this unit.

Safety

DANGER!

THE ARTICULATED HEDGE TRIMMER IS NOT INSULATED AGAINST ELECTRICAL SHOCK!
Approaching or contacting electrical lines with the trimmer could cause death or serious injury. Keep the trimmer at least 10 meters away from electrical lines or branches that contact electrical lines.

An articulated hedge trimmer has the potential to cause serious personal injury to the operator or bystanders if misused, abused or mishandled. To reduce the risk of injury, you must maintain control at all times, and observe all safety precautions during operation. Never permit a person without training or instruction to operate this hedge trimmer!

WARNING!

Do not make unauthorized modifications or alterations to your articulated hedge trimmer or its components.

WARNING!

Never operate this tool or any other power equipment if you are tired, ill, or under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or any substance that could affect your ability or judgement.

WARNING!

The ignition components of this machine generate an electromagnetic field during operation which may interfere with some pacemakers. To reduce the risk of serious or fatal injury, persons with pacemakers should consult with their physician and the pacemaker manufacturer before operating this machine. In the absence of such information, ECHO does not recommend the use of ECHO products by anyone who has a pacemaker.

Operating Precautions

- Never transport the articulated hedge trimmer or leave it unattended with the engine running. An engine that's running could be accidently accelerated causing the blades to oscillate.
- Make sure that the blade cover is in place when transporting or storing the articulated hedge trimmer.
- Always make sure that the cutter attachment and all handles and guards are properly installed and firmly tightened before operation.
- Inspect for broken, missing or improperly installed parts or attachments.
- Never use a cracked or warped cutter or cutter bar: replace it with a serviceable one and make sure it fits properly.
- Make sure there are no missing or loose fasteners, and that the stop switch and throttle controls are working properly.

WARNING!

- Make sure there is always good ventilation when operating the articulated hedge trimmer. Fumes from engine exhaust can cause serious injury or death. Never run the engine indoors!
- Never smoke or light fires near the hedge trimmer. Keep the unit away from excessive heat. Engine fuel is very flammable and fire could lead to serious personal injury or property damage.
- Make sure the cutters are correctly adjusted before operating the articulated hedge trimmer (see the section "Cutter Blade Adjustment" for cutter adjustment procedures). Never attempt cutter adjustment with the engine running!
- Before starting the engine, make sure the cutter is not contacting anything.
- Always confirm safe operation when using the machine.
- Immediately stop the engine with the stop switch if the machine suddenly begins to vibrate or shake.
- Always stop the engine immediately and check for damage if you strike a foreign object or if the machine becomes tangled. Do not operate with broken or damaged equipment.
- When cutting a branch that is under tension, be alert for springback so that you will not be struck by the moving branch.
- If a cutter should bind fast in a cut, shut off the engine immediately. Push the branch or tree to ease the bind and free the cutter.
- Always stop the engine and allow it to cool before refueling. Avoid overfilling and wipe off any fuel that may have spilled.
- To reduce fire hazard, keep the engine and muffler free of debris, leaves, or excessive grease.
- Keep a Solid Stance. Maintain footing and balance at all times. Do not stand on slippery, uneven or unstable surfaces. Do not work in odd positions or on ladders. Do not over reach.

WARNING!

Moving parts can amputate fingers or cause severe injuries. Keep hands, clothing and loose objects away from all openings.

- **ALWAYS** stop engine, disconnect spark plug, and make sure all moving parts have come to a complete stop before removing obstructions, clearing debris, or servicing unit.
- **DO NOT** start or operate unit unless all guards and protective covers are properly assembled to unit.
- **NEVER** reach into any opening while the engine is running. Moving parts may not be visible through openings.

WARNING!

Engine exhaust IS HOT, and contains Carbon Monoxide (CO), a poison gas. Breathing CO can cause unconsciousness, serious injury, or death. Exhaust can cause serious burns. ALWAYS position unit so that exhaust is directed away from your face and body.

WARNING!

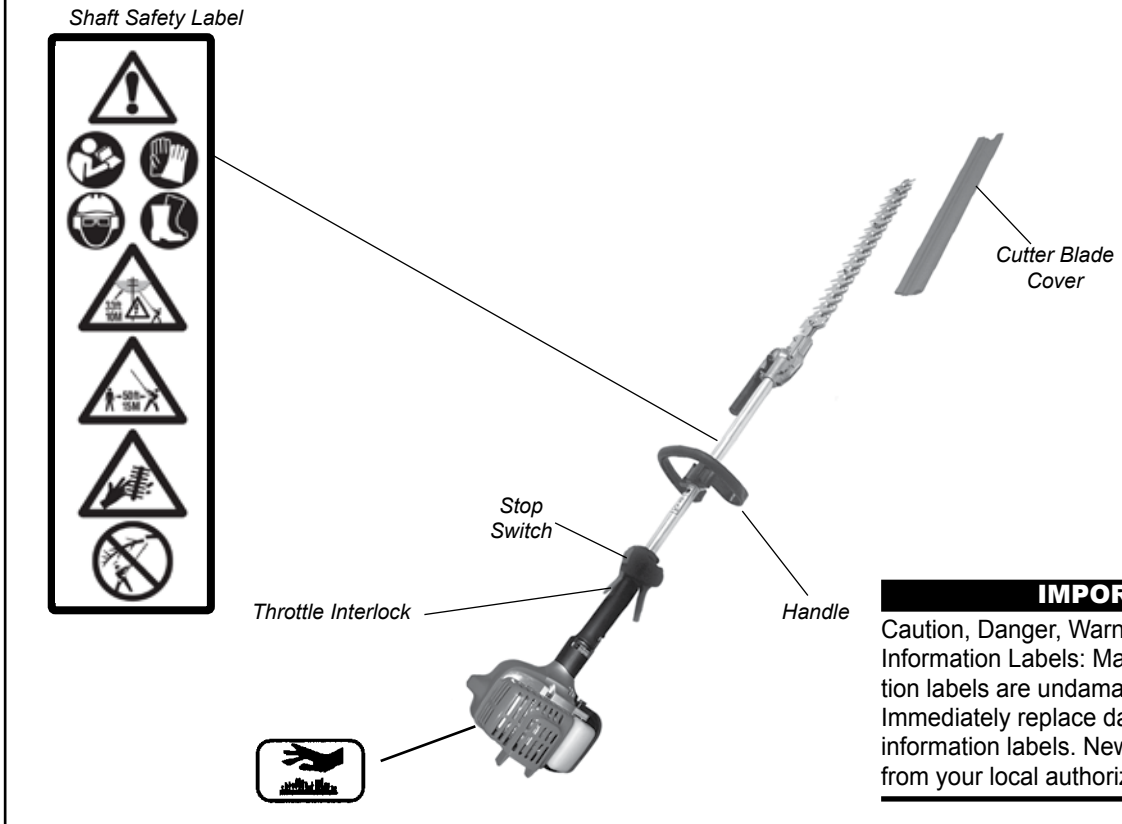
Hedge Clipper blades are very sharp. Touching them may lead to severe personal injury. Avoid touching blades whenever possible, and always wear gloves to protect hands

Safety (continued)

CAUTION!

- Always maintain the articulated hedge trimmer according to this owner's manual and follow the recommended scheduled maintenance.
- Never modify or disable any of the hedge trimmer's safety devices. Doing so may cause damage and lead to personal injury.
- Always use genuine Shindaiwa parts and accessories when repairing or maintaining this machine.
- Do not make unauthorized modifications to the articulated hedge trimmer or its components.
- Keep the cutters sharp and properly adjusted.
- Never allow the engine to run at high speed without a load. Doing so could damage the engine.
- When transporting the hedge trimmer in a vehicle, tie it down securely to prevent fuel spillage or damage to the machine.
- Always stop the engine and allow it to cool before refueling. Avoid overfilling and wipe off any fuel that may have spilled.
- Never place flammable material close to the engine muffler and never run the engine without the spark arrestor screen in place.
- Always clear your work area of trash or hidden debris to help ensure good footing.
- Keep the articulated hedge trimmer as clean as possible. Keep it free of loose vegetation, mud, etc.

Safety Equipment and Labels



IMPORTANT!

Caution, Danger, Warning, and Operation Information Labels: Make sure all information labels are undamaged and readable. Immediately replace damaged or missing information labels. New labels are available from your local authorized Shindaiwa dealer.

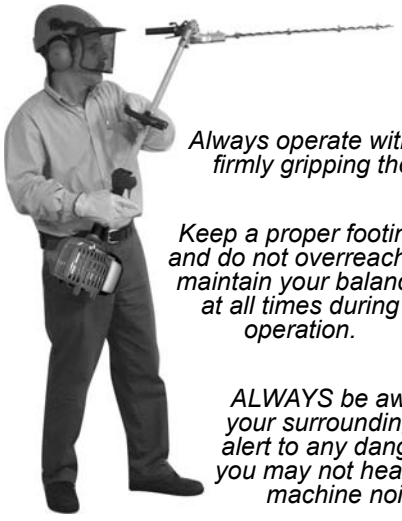
Operator Safety

Always wear a hard hat to reduce the risk of head injuries during operation of this machine.

This machine is designed for trimming hedges. Do not use this machine for other purposes.

ALWAYS clear your work area of trash or hidden debris that could be thrown back at you or toward a bystander.

ALWAYS protect yourself from hazards such as thorny brush and flying debris by wearing gloves and close fitting clothing that covers arms and legs. Never wear shorts. Don't wear loose clothing or items such as jewelry that could get caught in machinery or underbrush. Secure long hair so it is above shoulder level.

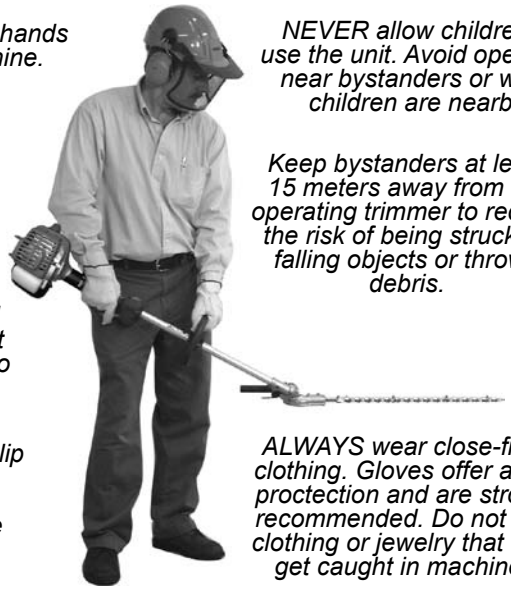


Always wear eye and hearing protection. Shindaiwa recommends wearing a face shield as additional face and eye protection.

Always operate with both hands firmly gripping the machine.

NEVER allow children to use the unit. Avoid operating near bystanders or when children are nearby.

Keep a proper footing and do not overreach—maintain your balance at all times during operation.



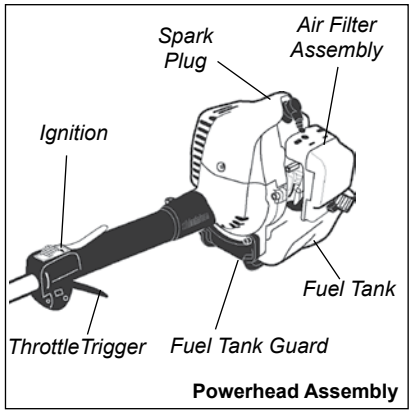
Keep bystanders at least 15 meters away from the operating trimmer to reduce the risk of being struck by falling objects or thrown debris.

ALWAYS be aware of your surroundings and alert to any danger that you may not hear due to machine noise.

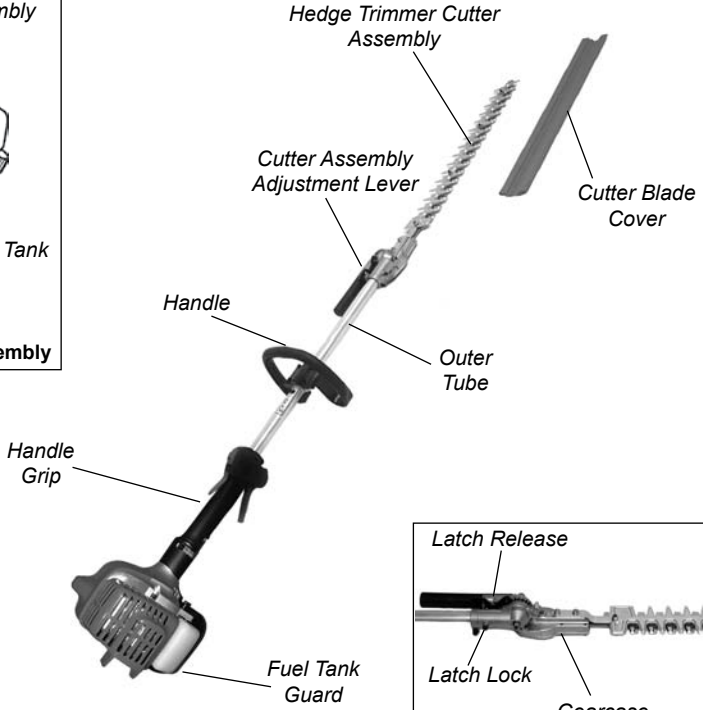
Wear sturdy footwear with nonslip soles to provide good footing. Steel-toed safety boots are recommended. Never operate machine bare-footed.

ALWAYS wear close-fitting clothing. Gloves offer added proctection and are strongly recommended. Do not wear clothing or jewelry that could get caught in machinery.

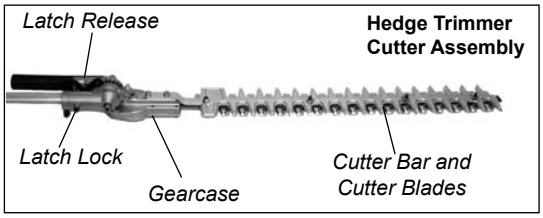
Product Description



Powerhead Assembly



Using the illustration as a guide, familiarize yourself with the Shindaiwa AHS242 articulated hedge trimmer and its various components. Understanding your machine helps ensure top performance, longer service life, and safer operation.



Hedge Trimmer Cutter Assembly

Specifications

Model	AHS242
Engine type	2-cycle, air cooled, single cylinder
Dimensions (L x W x H)	1682 mm (66.2 in) x 248 mm (9.76 in) x 245 mm (9.6 in)
Weight	5.99 Kg (13.2 lb)
Bore x stroke	33 x 28 mm/1.3 x 1.1 in.
Displacement	23.9 cm^3/1.46 cu. in.
Fuel/oil ratio	50:1 with *ISO-L-EGD or JASO FD class engine oil
Carburetor type	Diaphragm-type
Fuel tank capacity	.69 L / 23.3 oz.
Ignition	One-piece electronic, C.D.I.
Spark plug	NGK BPM8Y
Electrode Gap	0.6 mm/ .024 in.
Torque	150-170 kgf cm / 130 - 150 in • lbf
Air cleaner type	Non-reversible double layer felt
Starting method	Recoil
Stopping method	Slide switch
Transmission type	Automatic, centrifugal clutch w/bevel gear
Cooling System	Forced Air
Blade Length	568 mm/22.4 in.
Cutter Drive	Spur Gear
Gear Lubricant	Lithium Based Grease
Idle Speed	3,000 RPM
Clutch Engagement Speed	4,000 RPM
Wide Open Throttle Speed (W.O.T.)	11,800 RPM

Specifications are subject to change without notice.

Emission Control (Exhaust & Evaporative)

EPA 2010 and Later and/or C.A.R.B. TIER III

The emission control system for the engine is EM (engine modification) and, if the second to last character of the Engine Family on the Emission Control Information label (sample below) is “C”, “K”, or “T”, the emission control system is EM and TWC (3-way catalyst). The fuel tank/fuel line emission control system is EVAP (evaporative emissions). Evaporative emissions for California models may only be applicable to fuel tanks.

EMISSION CONTROL INFORMATION
ENGINE FAMILY: CEHXS.0214KL DISPLACEMENT: 21.2cc
EMISSION COMPLIANCE PERIOD: 300Hours
THIS ENGINE. MEETS 2012 U.S. EPA EXH/EVP
EMISSION REGULATIONS. REFER TO OWNER'S MANUAL FOR
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An Emission Control Label is located on the engine. (This is an EXAMPLE ONLY; information on label varies by engine FAMILY).

PRODUCT EMISSION DURABILITY (EMISSION COMPLIANCE PERIOD)

The 300 hour emission compliance period is the time span selected by the manufacturer certifying the engine emissions output meets applicable emissions regulations, provided that approved maintenance procedures are followed as listed in the Maintenance Section of this manual.

Assembly

This unit comes completely assembled. Before using this product, please make sure you have all the components required for a complete unit. Carefully inspect all components for damage.

- This user manual
- Unit assembly w/blade stiffener
- Assembly Tool (s)
- Blade cover

IMPORTANT!

The terms “left”, “left-hand”, and “LH”; “right”, “right-hand”, and “RH”; “front” and “rear” refer to directions as viewed by the operator during normal operation.

Blade Guard Removal/Install

NOTE:

For normal cutting, Shindaiwa strongly recommends the blade guard be installed. In extreme conditions, such as commercial cutting, or when cutting thick and/or dense branches, efficiency may be increased by trimming without the blade guard.

WARNING!

Hedge Clipper blades are very sharp. Touching them may lead to severe personal injury. Avoid touching blades whenever possible, and always wear gloves to protect hands.

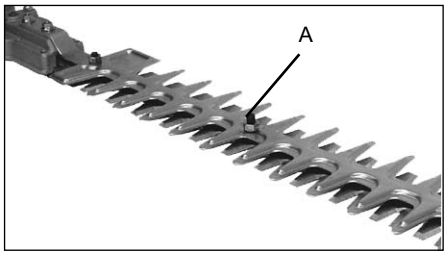
Blade Guard Removal

1. Move stop switch to stop position.
2. Disconnect spark plug wire.

WARNING!

Hedge clipper blades are very sharp. Touching them may lead to severe personal injury. Use a socket and extension when removing locknuts in order to keep hands at a safe distance from sharp blades.

3. Remove four (4) blade guard locknuts (A).
4. Remove blade guard.
5. Install (4) locknuts.



NOTE:

Use new locknuts everyother time blade guard is installed or removed.

6. Adjust blades. See “Cutter blade adjustment” section.

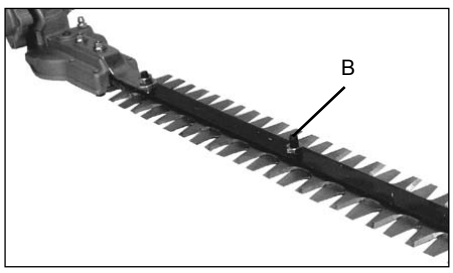
Install Blade Guard

1. Move stop switch to stop position.
2. Disconnect spark plug wire.

WARNING

Hedge clipper blades are very sharp. Touching them may lead to severe personal injury. Use a socket and extension when removing locknuts in order to keep hands at a safe distance from sharp blades.

3. Remove (4) locknuts (B).
4. Install blade guard.
5. Secure blade guard with four (4) locknuts.
6. Adjust blades. See “Cutter blade adjustment” section.



IMPORTANT!

If blade guard is damaged or show signs of wear, replace it.

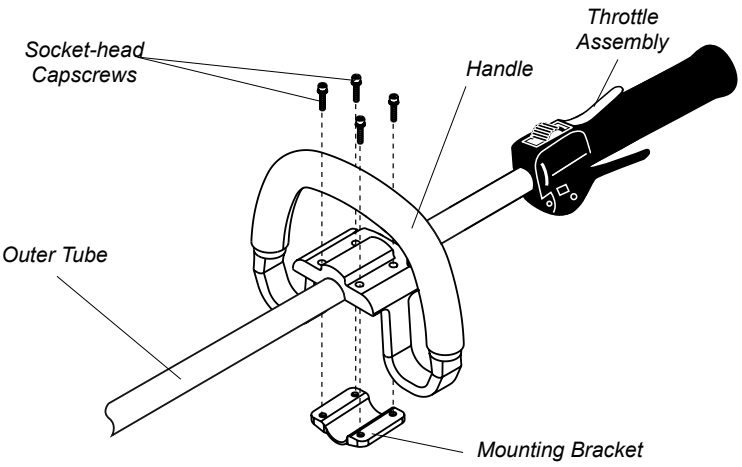
NOTE:

Use new locknuts everyother time blade guard is installed or removed.

Handle

This unit comes with the handle installed. It can be re-adjusted for operator comfort in the following manner.

1. Loosen the four socket-head capscrews.
2. Rotate/slide handle assembly to best position for operator comfort, usually 25 cm (10 in.) ahead of the throttle assembly.
3. Tighten socket-head capscrews in a crisscross manner.



Position the handle on the outer tube as shown

Adjusting the Hedge Trimmer Cutter Assembly

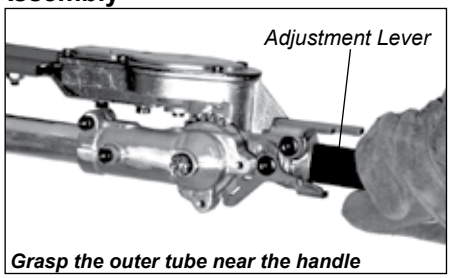
WARNING!

Never run the engine when adjusting the cutter assembly.

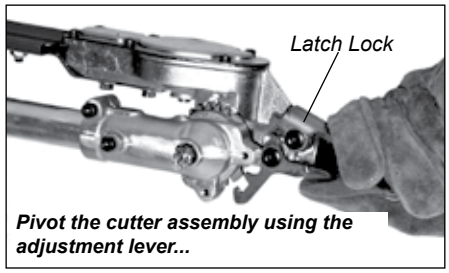
WARNING!

- The cutter blades are very sharp. Do not grasp the blades with your hands. Always use gloves when working near the cutter assembly.
- Do not allow the blades to contact your body.
- Do not touch the cutter blades when the engine is running. The blades can oscillate even if the engine is idling.

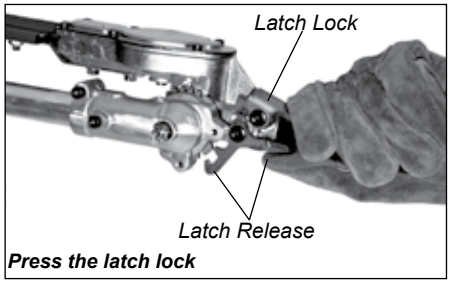
1. Position the hedge trimmer on a flat, level surface.
2. With your right hand, grasp the outer tube near the handle. With your left hand, grip the adjustment lever on the cutter assembly.



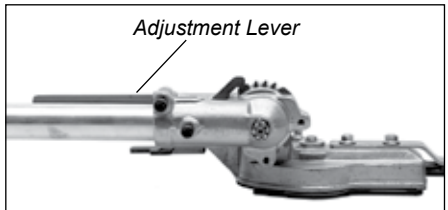
Grasp the outer tube near the handle



Pivot the cutter assembly using the adjustment lever...



Press the latch lock



Make sure the latch lock and the latch release return securely to the locked position

IMPORTANT!

The latch lock provides an interlock to help prevent inadvertent depression of the latch release.

3. With the index finger of your left hand, press the latch lock. With your left thumb, press the latch release.
4. While holding the latch release down, pivot the cutter assembly away from you using the adjustment lever until it is at the desired cutting angle.
5. Release the latch lock and the latch release. Make sure the latch lock and the latch release return securely to the locked position.
6. Remove the cover from the cutter blade. The engine now may be started (refer to the section ”Starting the Engine”.)

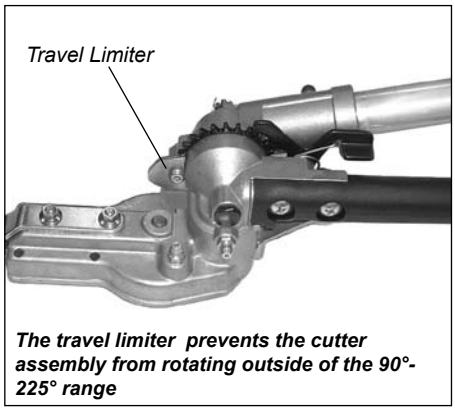
Assembly (continued)

Travel limiter and adjustment range

NOTE:

This articulated hedge trimmer is equipped with a travel limiter that prevents the cutter assembly from rotating outside of the 90°- 225° range.

The cutter assembly can be adjusted to 10 different positions ranging from 90° to 225° from the outer tube as shown.



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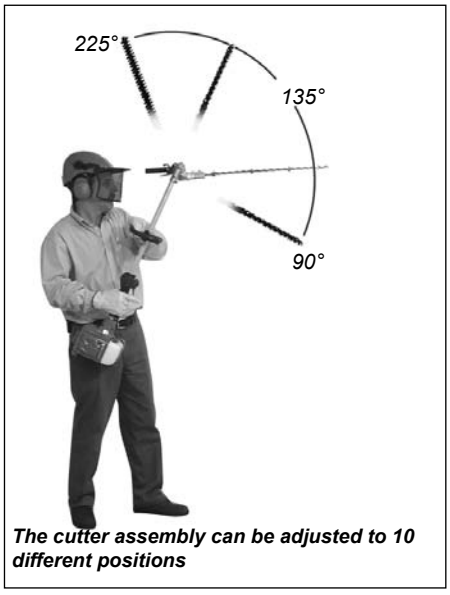


The cutter assembly can be adjusted to 10 different positions

WARNING!

Always make sure the latch lock is securely locked after each adjustment.

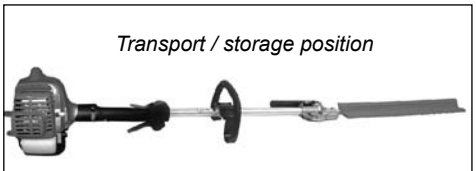
Adjusting cutter assembly for storage or transportation

1. With the engine off, install the blade cover onto the blade.
2. Using the procedures described above, rotate the cutter assembly so it is parallel to the tube. Make sure the latch lock and the latch release return securely to a locking position.

WARNING!

Never run the engine when adjusting the cutter assembly.

3. Make sure the blade cover is in place on the blade before storing or transporting.

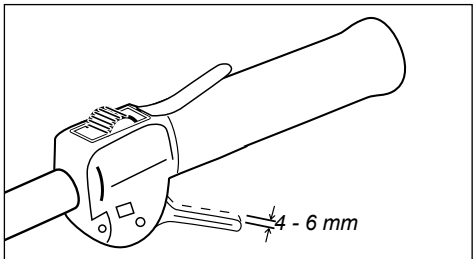


Make sure the blade cover is in place before storing or transporting

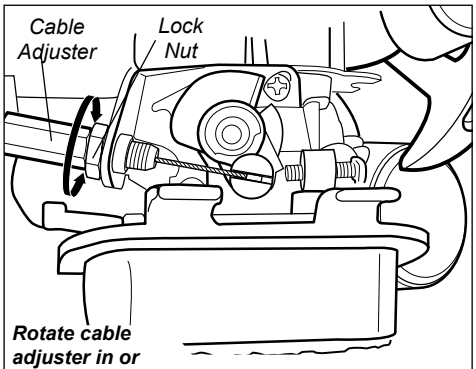
Throttle lever free play

The throttle lever free play should be approximately 4 - 6 mm. Make sure that the throttle lever operates smoothly without binding. If it becomes necessary to adjust the lever free play, follow the procedures and illustrations that follow.

1. Loosen the air cleaner cover knob(s) and remove the air cleaner cover.
2. Loosen the lock nut on the cable adjuster. Turn the cable adjuster in or out as required to obtain proper free play 4 - 6 mm.
3. Tighten the locknut.
4. Reinstall the air cleaner cover.



Throttle lever free play



Rotate cable adjuster in or out to obtrain proper free play

Mixing Fuel

WARNING!

Alternative fuels, such as E15 (15% ethanol), E-85 (85% ethanol) or any fuels not meeting Shindaiwa requirements are NOT approved for use in Shindaiwa gasoline engines. Use of alternative fuels may cause performance problems, loss of power, overheating, fuel vapor lock, and unintended machine operation, including, but not limited to, improper clutch engagement. Alternative fuels may also cause premature deterioration of fuel lines, gaskets, carburetors and other engine components.

Fuel Requirements

Gasoline - Use 89 Octane [R+M/2] (mid grade or higher) gasoline known to be good quality. Gasoline may contain up to 10% Ethanol (grain alcohol) or 15% MTBE (methyl tertiary-butyl ether). Gasoline containing methanol (wood alcohol) is **NOT** approved.

2 Stroke Mixture Oil - A 2-stroke engine oil meeting ISO-L-EGD (ISO/CD 13738) and J.A.S.O. M345/FD standards must be used. Shindaiwa One™ 2-Stroke Oil is strongly recommended as it meets this standard and is specifically formulated for use in all Shindaiwa 2-stroke engines. Engine problems due to inadequate lubrication caused by failure to use an ISO-L-EGD (ISO/CD 13738) and J.A.S.O. M345/FD certified oil will void the engine warranty.

For increased engine protection, Shindaiwa recommends using Shindaiwa Red Armor™ engine oil to protect the engine from harmful carbon build up, maintain engine performance, and increase engine life. Shindaiwa Red Armor™ engine oil exceeds ISO-L-EGD and J.A.S.O. M345/FD performance requirements.

IMPORTANT!

Shindaiwa One™ 2-Stroke oil or Red Armor™ engine oil may be mixed at 50:1 ratio for application in all Shindaiwa engines sold in the past, regardless of ratio specified in those manuals.

IMPORTANT!

Stored fuel ages. Do not mix more fuel than you expect to use in thirty (30) days, ninety (90) days when a fuel stabilizer is added. Use of unmixed, improperly mixed, or stale fuel, may cause hard starting, poor performance, or severe engine damage and void the product warranty. Read and follow instructions in the Long Term Storage section of this manual.

Examples of 50:1 mixing quantities

Fuel to Oil Mix - 50:1 Ratio			
U.S.		METRIC	
GAS	OIL	GAS	OIL
Gallons	Fl. oz.	Liter	cc.
1	2.6	4	80
2	5.2	8	160
5	13	20	400

Handling Fuel

DANGER

Fuel is VERY flammable. Use extreme care when mixing, storing or handling or serious personal injury may result.

- Use an approved fuel container.
- DO NOT smoke near fuel.
- DO NOT allow flames or sparks near fuel.
- Fuel tanks/cans may be under pressure. Always loosen fuel caps slowly allowing pressure to equalize.
- NEVER refuel a unit when the engine is HOT or RUNNING!
- DO NOT fill fuel tanks indoors. ALWAYS fill fuel tanks outdoors over bare ground.
- DO NOT overfill fuel tank. Wipe up spills immediately.
- Securely tighten fuel tank cap and close fuel container after refueling.
- Inspect for fuel leakage. If fuel leakage is found, do not start or operate unit until leakage is repaired.
- Move at least 3m (10 ft.) from refueling location before starting the engine.

Mixing Instructions

1. Fill an approved fuel container with half of the required amount of gasoline.
2. Add the proper amount of engine oil to gasoline.
3. Close container and shake to mix oil with gasoline.
4. Add remaining gasoline, close fuel container, and remix.

IMPORTANT!

Spilled fuel is a leading cause of hydrocarbon emissions. Some states may require the use of automatic fuel shut-off containers to reduce fuel spillage.

After use

- DO NOT store a unit with fuel in its tank. Leaks can occur. Return unused fuel to an approved fuel storage container.

Storage - Fuel storage laws vary by locality. Contact your local government for the laws affecting your area. As a precaution, store fuel in an approved, airtight container. Store in a well-ventilated, unoccupied building, away from sparks and flames.

IMPORTANT!

Stored fuel may separate. ALWAYS shake fuel container thoroughly before each use.

Filling the Fuel Tank

WARNING!

Minimize the Risk of Fire

- ***NEVER* smoke or light fires near the engine.**
- ***ALWAYS* stop the engine and allow it to cool before refueling.**
- ***ALWAYS* Wipe all spilled fuel and move at least 3 meters (10 feet) from the fueling point and source before starting.**
- ***NEVER* place flammable material close to the engine muffler.**
- ***NEVER* operate the engine without the muffler and spark arrester screen in place and in good working condition.**
- ***FUEL IS HIGHLY FLAMMABLE.***
- ***ALWAYS* store gasoline in a container approved for flammable liquids.**
- ***ALWAYS* inspect the unit for fuel leaks before each use. During each refill, check that no fuel leaks from around the fuel cap and/or fuel tank. If fuel leaks are evident, stop using the unit immediately. Fuel leaks must be repaired before using the unit.**
- ***ALWAYS* move the unit at least 3 meters (10 feet) away from a fuel storage area or other readily flammable materials before starting the engine.**

1. Place the unit on a flat, level surface.
2. Clear any dirt or other debris from around the fuel filler cap.

CAUTION!

Slowly remove the fuel cap only after stopping the engine.

3. Remove the fuel cap, and fill the tank with clean, fresh fuel.
4. Reinstall the fuel filler cap and tighten firmly.
5. Wipe away any spilled fuel before starting engine.

Starting the Engine

IMPORTANT!

Engine ignition is controlled by a two position switch mounted on the throttle housing labeled, “I” for ON or START and “O” for OFF or STOP.

NOTE:

The blade cover is used for transportation and storage. Remove blade cover before using the unit.

WARNING!

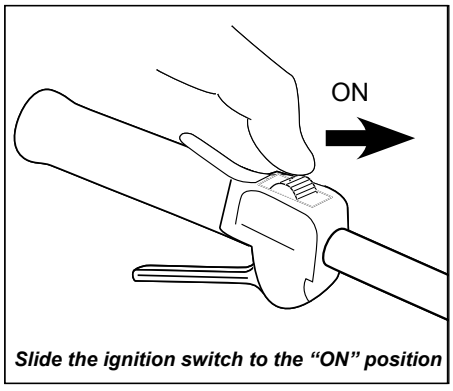
Never start the engine from the operating position.

Starting the Engine (continued)

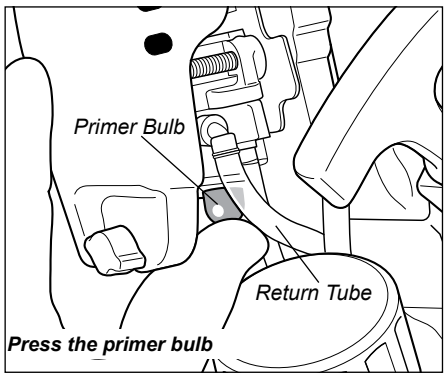
1. Slide the ignition switch to the “ON” position.
2. Press the primer bulb until fuel can be seen flowing in the transparent return tube.

IMPORTANT!

The primer system only pushes fuel through the carburetor. Repeatedly pressing the primer bulb will not flood the engine with fuel.



Slide the ignition switch to the “ON” position

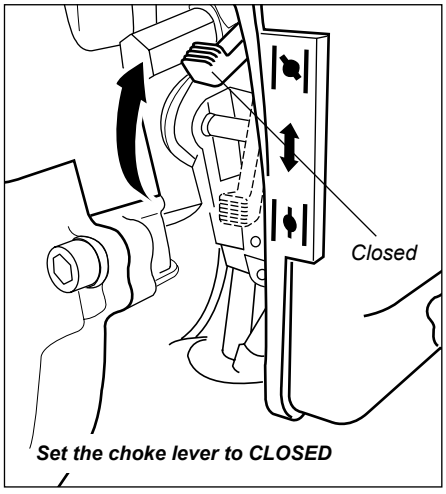


Press the primer bulb

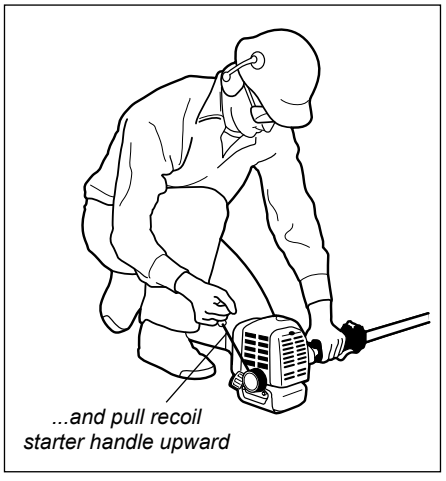
3. Set the choke lever to the CLOSED position if engine is cold.
4. While holding the outer tube firmly with left hand. Use your other hand to slowly pull the recoil starter handle until resistance is felt, then pull quickly to start the engine.

CAUTION!

Do not pull the recoil starter to the end of the rope travel. Pulling the recoil starter to the end of the rope travel can damage the starter.



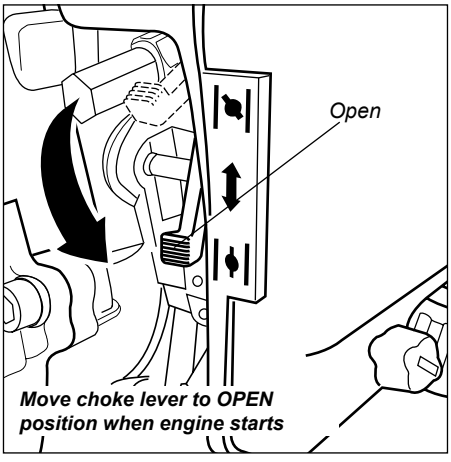
Set the choke lever to CLOSED


...and pull recoil starter handle upward

WARNING!

The cutting blades may move (oscillate) when the engine is started. Keep away from the cutter assembly while starting the engine!

5. When the engine starts, slowly move the choke lever to the ”OPEN” position. (If the engine stops after the initial start, close the choke and restart.)



Move choke lever to OPEN position when engine starts

IMPORTANT!

If the engine fails to start after several attempts with the choke in the closed position, the engine may be flooded with fuel. If flooding is suspected, refer to the ”Starting a Flooded Engine” section of this manual.

Starting the Engine (continued)

When the Engine Starts...

- After the engine starts, allow the engine to warm up at idle 2 or 3 minutes before operating the unit.
- If the engine does not continue to run, repeat the appropriate cranking procedures for a cold or warm engine.When the engine starts, clear excess fuel from the combustion chamber by accelerating the engine several times with the throttle lever.
- Advancing the throttle makes the cutting attachment move faster; releasing the throttle permits the attachment to stop moving. If the cutting attachment continues to move when the engine returns to idle, carburetor idle speed should be adjusted (see “Adjusting Engine Idle”.).

If the engine does not start

- Repeat the appropriate starting procedure for a cold or warm engine.
- If the engine still fails to start, use the procedures for “Starting a flooded engine.”

Starting a flooded engine

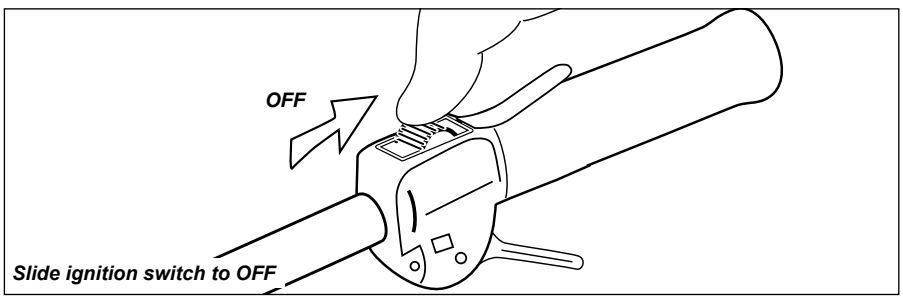
1. Slide the ignition switch to the “I” (ON) position.
2. Open the choke, put the throttle lever in the full throttle position, then clear excess fuel from the combustion chamber by cranking the engine several times.
3. If the engine still fails to start or fire, refer to the troubleshooting flow chart at the end of this manual.

Stopping the Engine

Idle the engine briefly before stopping (about 2 minutes), then slide the ignition switch to the “O” (Engine OFF) position.

WARNING!

The cutting attachment can continue moving after the engine is stopped!



Slide ignition switch to OFF

Checking Unit Condition

NEVER operate the unit with the protective devices removed!

Use only authorized Shindaiwa parts and accessories with your Shindaiwa hedge trimmer. Do not make modifications to this unit without written approval from Shindaiwa.

ALWAYS make sure the cutting attachment is properly installed and firmly tightened before operation.

NEVER use a cracked or warped cutting attachment: replace it with a serviceable one.

ALWAYS make sure the cutting attachment fits properly into the appropriate attachment holder. If a properly installed attachment vibrates, replace the attachment with new one and re-check.

ALWAYS stop the engine immediately and check for damage if you strike a foreign object or if the unit becomes tangled. Do not operate with broken or damaged equipment.

NEVER allow the engine to run at high speeds without a load. Doing so could damage the engine.

NEVER operate a unit with worn or damaged fasteners or attachment holders.

WARNING!

A cutting attachment shield or other protective device is no guarantee of protection against ricochet. YOU MUST ALWAYS GUARD AGAINST FLYING DEBRIS!

Safe Operation

This machine is designed especially for trimming hedges.

Never use this machine for any other purposes. Never try to cut stones, metals, plastics or any other hard objects. Using this Articulated Hedgetrimmer for other purposes than trimming hedges may damage the machine or cause serious injury.

Before trimming:

- Wear suitable protective clothing and equipment. See the “Safety” section for information.
- Choose the best working position for safety against the falling objects (branches, etc.).
- Never stand directly underneath the branch you are cutting. Be aware of falling branches. Note that a branch may spring back at you after it hits the ground.

WARNING!

Moving parts can amputate fingers or cause severe injuries. Keep hands, clothing and loose objects away from all openings. Always stop engine, disconnect spark plug, and make sure all moving parts have come to a complete stop before removing obstructions, clearing debris, or servicing unit.

WARNING!

Engine exhaust IS HOT, and contains Carbon Monoxide (CO), a poison gas. Breathing CO can cause unconsciousness, serious injury, or death. Exhaust can cause serious burns. ALWAYS position unit so that exhaust is directed away from your face and body.

WARNING!

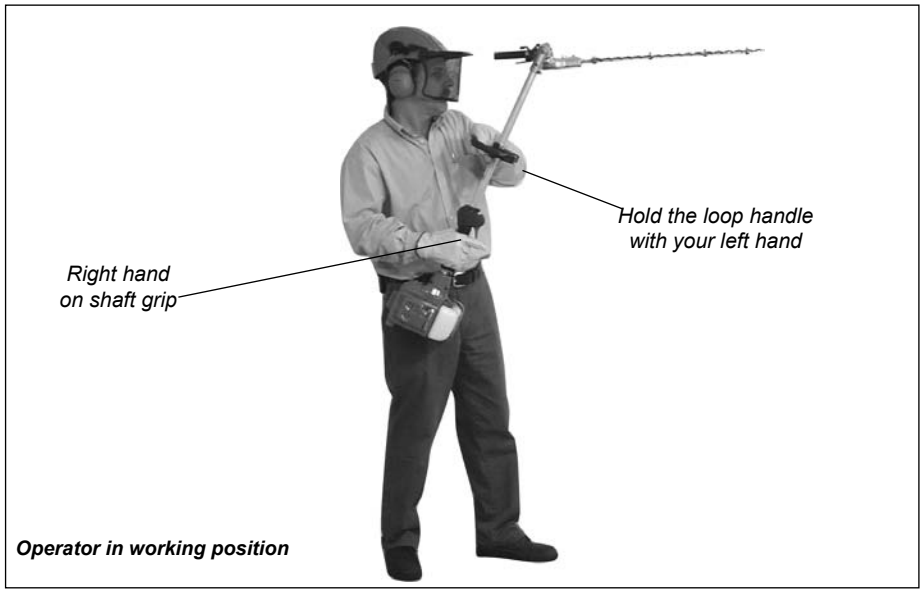
Operation of this equipment may create sparks that can start fires. This unit is equipped with a spark arrestor to prevent discharge of hot particles from the engine. Metal blade use also can create sparks if the blade strikes rocks, metal, or other hard objects. Contact local fire authorities for laws or regulations regarding fire prevention requirements.

Working Position

- Hold the shaft grip above the powerhead with your right hand, and the loop handle with your left hand.
- Your left arm should be extended to the most comfortable position.

NOTE:

Rest when you feel fatigued.



Operator in working position

General maintenance

IMPORTANT!

MAINTENANCE, REPLACEMENT OR REPAIR OF EMISSION CONTROL DEVICES AND SYSTEMS MAY BE PERFORMED BY ANY REPAIR ESTABLISHMENT OR INDIVIDUAL; HOWEVER, WARRANTY REPAIRS MUST BE PERFORMED BY A DEALER OR SERVICE CENTER AUTHORIZED BY ECHO, INC. THE USE OF PARTS THAT ARE NOT EQUIVALENT IN PERFORMANCE AND DURABILITY TO AUTHORIZED PARTS MAY IMPAIR THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE EMISSION CONTROL SYSTEM AND MAY HAVE A BEARING ON THE OUTCOME OF A WARRANTY CLAIM.

NOTE:

Using non-standard replacement parts could invalidate your Shindaiwa warranty.

WARNING!

Before performing any maintenance, repair, or cleaning work on the unit, make sure the engine and cutting attachment are completely stopped. Disconnect the spark plug wire before performing service or maintenance.

WARNING!

Non-standard accessories, cutting attachment, or replacement parts may not operate properly with your unit and may cause damage and lead to personal injury.

Muffler

This unit must never be operated with a faulty or missing spark arrester or muffler. Make sure the muffler is well secured and in good condition. A worn or damaged muffler is a fire hazard and may also cause hearing loss.

Spark Plug

Keep the spark plug and wire connections tight and clean.

Fasteners

Make sure nuts, bolts, and screws (except carburetor adjusting screws) are tight.

Cutter blade adjustment

WARNING!

The cutter blades are very sharp! Always wear gloves when working around the cutter assembly.

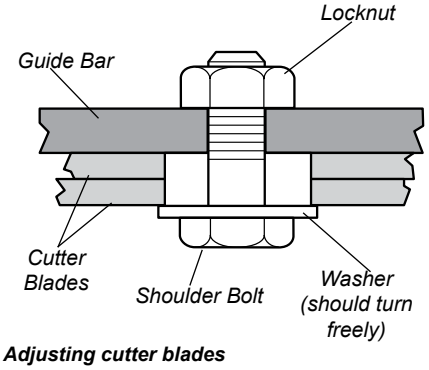
Cutting performance of your machine depends a great deal on proper cutter blade adjustment. Properly adjusted blades will oscillate freely yet help prevent binding of cut material between blades. Adjust blades as follows:

1. Loosen all blade locknuts at least one full turn.
2. Tighten each blade shoulder bolt firmly, and then loosen the shoulder bolts 1/4 to 1/2 turn.
3. Working from the gearcase end, lock each bolt in place by firmly tightening its locknut while preventing the shoulder bolt from turning.

When shoulder bolt adjustment is correct, there should be a gap of 0.25–0.50 mm between the cutter blades and the flat washers, and the flat washer beneath each bolt head should turn freely.

CAUTION!

Operating the trimmer with worn or improperly adjusted cutters will reduce cutter performance and may also damage your machine. Never operate the machine with damaged or worn cutters.



Adjusting cutter blades

Maintenance (continued)

Daily Maintenance

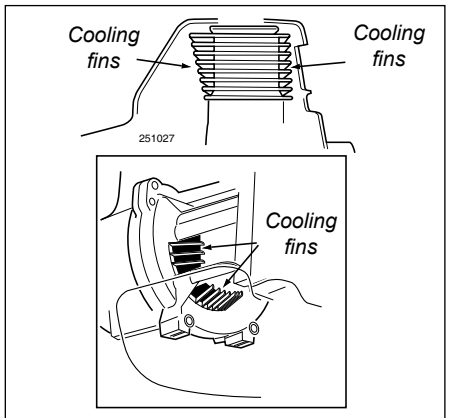
Prior to each work day, perform the following:

- Remove all dirt and debris from the engine, check the cooling fins and air cleaner for clogging, and clean as necessary.
- Carefully remove any accumulations of dirt or debris from the muffler and fuel tank. Check cooling air intake area at base of crankcase. Remove all debris. Dirt build-up in these areas can lead to engine overheating, fire, or premature wear.

WARNING!

Always wear gloves when working around the cutter assembly.

- Clean any debris or dirt from the-hedge trimmer cutter blades.
- Lubricate the blades before use and after refueling. Check the cutters for damage or incorrect adjustment.
- Check for loose or missing screws or components. Make sure the cutter attachment is securely fastened.
- Check the entire machine for leaking fuel or grease.
- Make sure nuts, bolts, and screws (except carburetor adjusting screws) are tight.

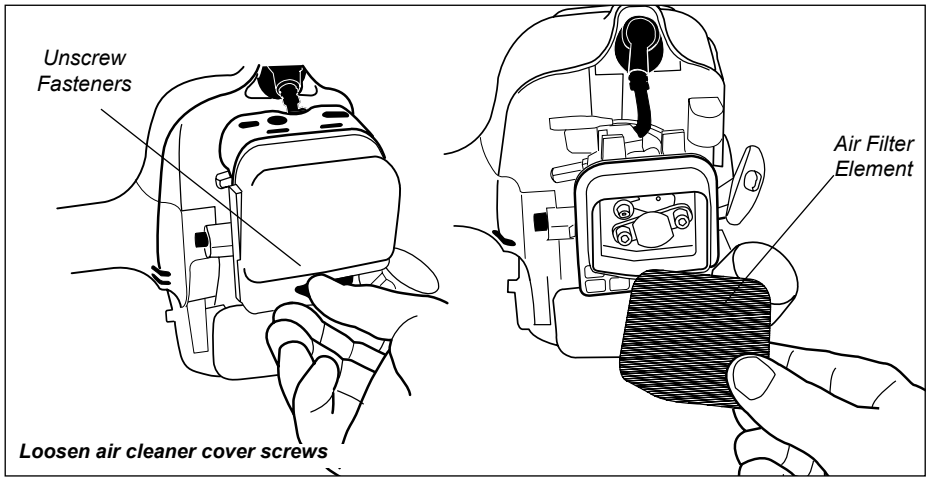


Remove all dirt and debris from the engine and check the cooling fins

10-Hour maintenance
(more frequently in dusty conditions)

1. Close choke (cold start position). This prevents dirt from entering the carburetor throat when the air filter is removed. Brush accumulated dirt from air cleaner area.
2. Remove air filter cover. Brush dirt from inside cover.
3. Replace filter if it is damaged, very dirty, or the rubber sealing edges are deformed.

- Lightly brush debris from filter.
- Soak heavily soiled filters in water/ detergent solution to loosen dirt, then brush lightly.
- Rinse with clean water and allow to dry completely before reuse.



Loosen air cleaner cover screws

4. Install air filter in air filter case.
5. Install air filter cover.

CAUTION!

Never operate the unit if the air cleaner assembly is damaged or missing!

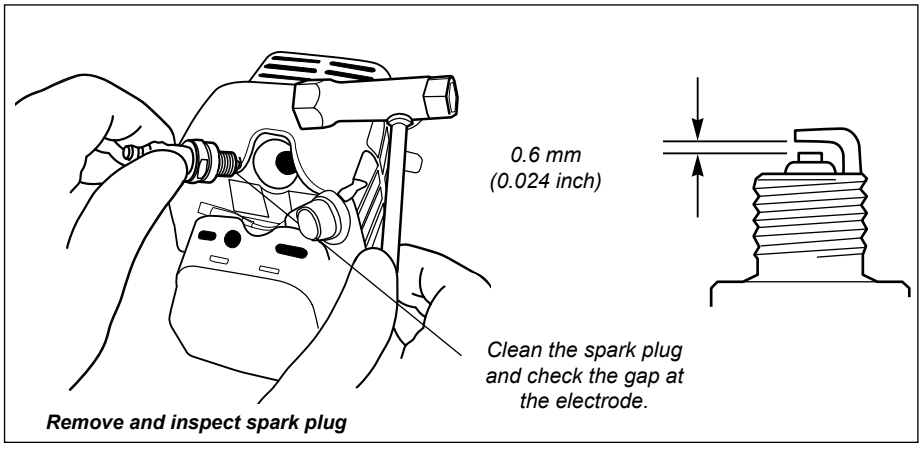
10/15-Hour maintenance

Remove and clean or replace the spark plug.

- Adjust the spark plug electrode gap to 0.6 mm (0.024 inch). If the spark plug must be replaced, use only an NGK BPM8Y spark plug.

CAUTION!

Before removing the spark plug, clean the area around the plug to prevent dirt and debris from getting into the engine's internal parts.



Remove and inspect spark plug

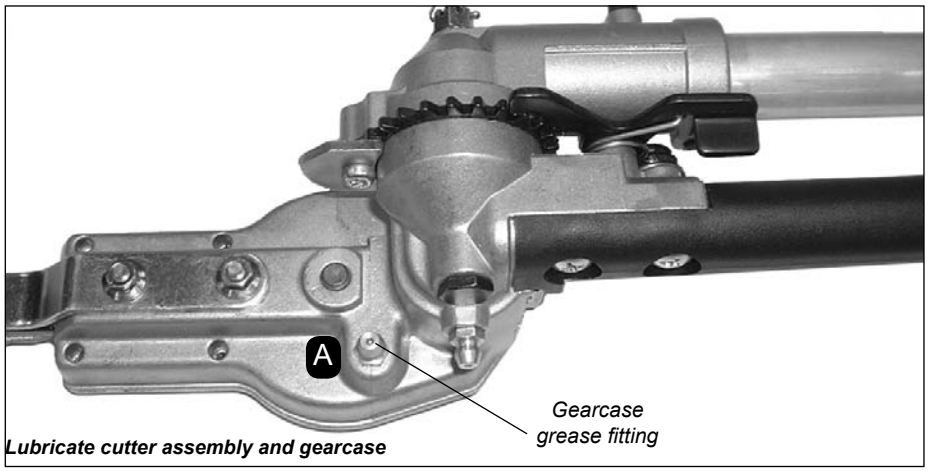
Maintenance (continued)

Gearcase lubrication

■ Lubricate the cutter assembly gearcase by pumping one or two strokes of lithium-base grease into the grease fitting (A) using a lever-type grease gun.

CAUTION!

Over lubricating can cause the gearcase to operate sluggishly and can cause grease to leak out.



Lubricate cutter assembly and gearcase

50-hour maintenance

Every 50 hours of operation; more frequnetly in dusty conditions:

■ Remove and clean the cylinder cover and clean dirt and debris from the cylinder cooling fins.

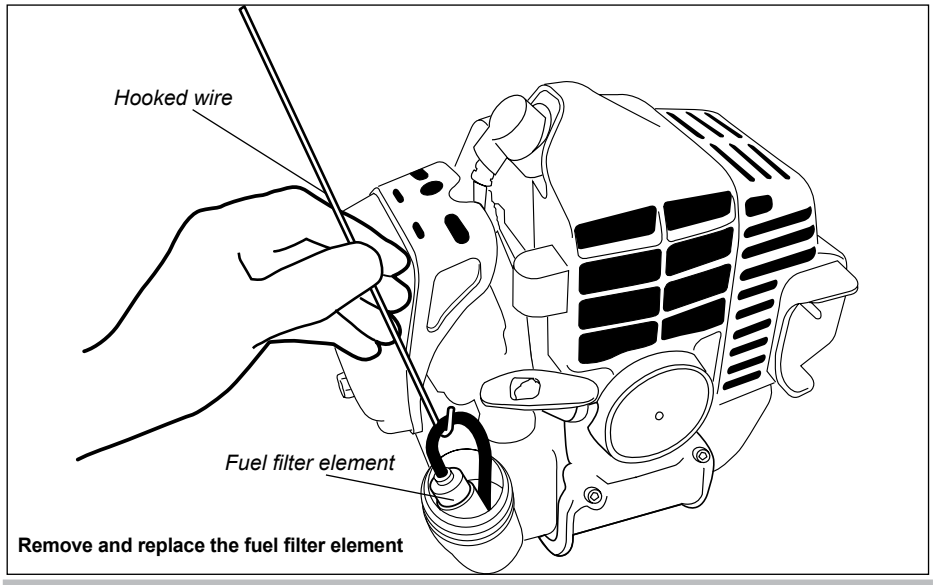
Remove and replace the fuel filter element.

■ Use a hooked wire to extract the fuel filter from inside the fuel tank. Inspect the fuel filter element. If it shows signs of contamination, replace with a genuine Shindaiwa replacement fuel filter element.

CAUTION!

Make sure you do not pierce the fuel line with the end of the hooked wire. The line is delicate and can be damaged easily.

Before reinstalling the new filter element, inspect the condition of all the fuel system components (fuel pick-up line, fuel return line, tank vent line, tank vent, fuel cap and fuel tank). If damage, splitting or deterioration is noted, the unit should be removed from service until it can be inspected or repaired by a Shindaiwa-trained service technician.



Remove and replace the fuel filter element

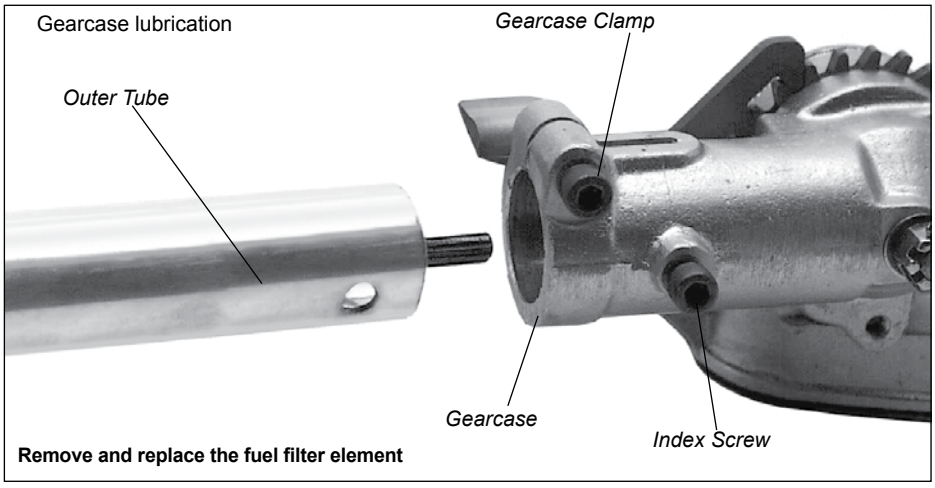
NOTE:

Federal EPA regulations require all model year 2012 and later gasoline powered engines produced for sale in the United States to be equipped with a special low permeation fuel supply hose between the carburetor and fuel tank. When servicing model year 2012 and later equipment, only fuel supply hoses certified by EPA can be used to replace the original equipment supply hose. Fines up to $37,500 may be enforced for using an un-certified replacement part.

Gearcase lubrication

To perform this operation, first remove the gearcase from the outer tube as follows:

1. Loosen the gearcase clamp bolt.
2. Remove the index bolt from the gearcase.



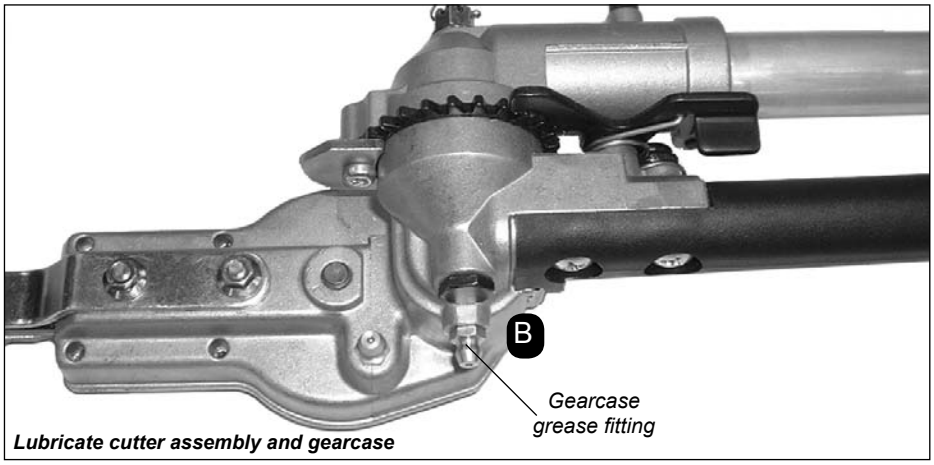
Remove and replace the fuel filter element

Maintenance (continued)

CAUTION!

Do not remove the D-shaped shim washer from the gearcase clamp! The shim washer prevents damage from overtightening the tube clamp bolt.

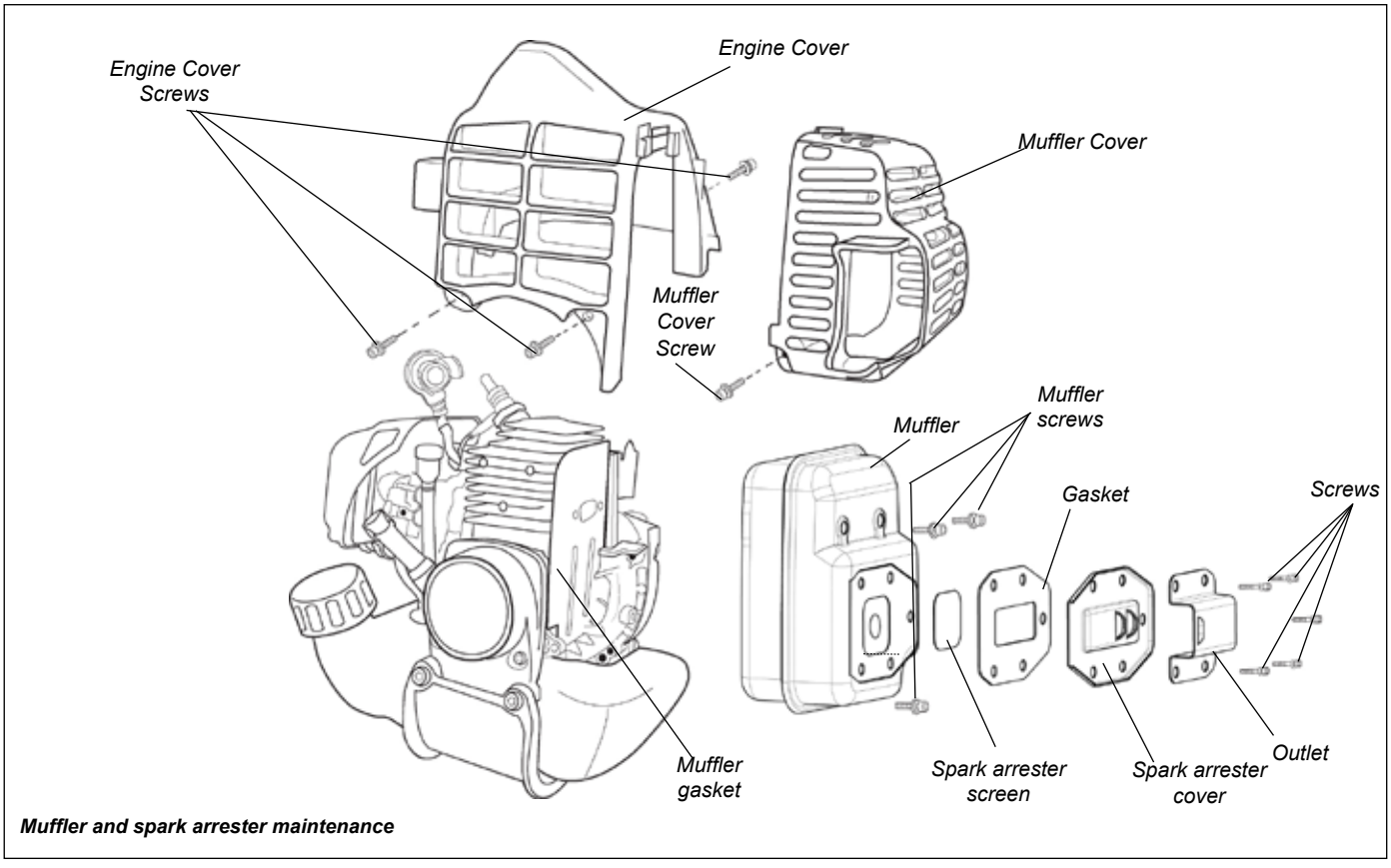
3. Slide the gearcase out of the tube. Using a grease gun, pump lithium-base grease (about 10 grams) into the grease fitting (B) on the gearcase until you see old grease being purged from the gearcase. Purged grease will be visible in the outer tube cavity.



Lubricate cutter assembly and gearcase

4. Clean up excess grease, then reassemble the gearcase onto the outer tube. Make sure the index bolt fits into the hole on the outer tube. Securely tighten both bolts.

135 Hour Maintenance



Muffler and spark arrester maintenance

If the engine becomes sluggish and low on power, check and clean the spark arrester screen.

WARNING!

Never operate the unit with a damaged or missing muffler or spark arrester! Operating with a missing or damaged spark arrester is a fire hazard and could also damage your hearing.

1. Remove the spark plug boot.
2. With a 3 mm hex wrench remove the one muffler cover screw, three engine cover screws, the engine cover and muffler cover.
3. With a cross-head screwdriver remove the five screws holding the spark arrester screen and cover to the muffler.
4. Remove the screen and clean it with a stiff bristle brush.
5. With a 4 mm hex wrench remove the three muffler bolts and the muffler.
6. Inspect the cylinder exhaust port for any carbon buildup.
7. Gently tap the muffler on a wood surface to dislodge any loose carbon.
8. Reassemble the spark arrester, muffler and engine cover in the reverse order of disassembly.

IMPORTANT!

If you note excessive carbon buildup, consult with an authorized Shindaiwa servicing dealer.

Carburetor Adjustment

Engine Break-In

New engines must be operated a minimum duration of two tanks of fuel break-in before carburetor adjustments can be made. During the break-in period your engine performance will increase and exhaust emissions will stabilize. Idle speed can be adjusted as required.

High Altitude Operation

This engine has been factory adjusted to maintain satisfactory starting, emission, and durability performance up to 1,100 feet above sea level (ASL) (96.0 kPa). To maintain proper engine operation and emission compliance above 1,100 feet ASL the carburetor may need to be adjusted by an authorized Shindaiwa service dealer.

IMPORTANT!!

If the engine is adjusted for operation *above* 1,100 feet ASL, the carburetor must be re-adjusted when operating the engine *below* 1,100 feet ASL, otherwise severe engine damage may result.

NOTE:

Every unit is run at the factory and the carburetor is set in compliance with emission regulations. Carburetor adjustments, other than idle speed, must be performed by an authorized Shindaiwa dealer.

Adjusting Engine Idle

The engine must return to idle speed whenever the throttle lever is released. Idle speed is adjustable, and must be set low enough to permit the engine clutch to disengage the cutting attachment.

WARNING!

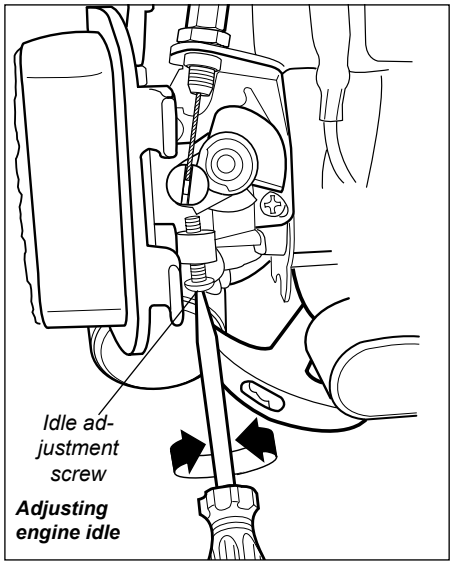
The cutting attachment must NEVER move at engine idle! If the idle speed cannot be adjusted by the procedure described here, return the unit to your Shindaiwa dealer for inspection.

Idle Speed Adjustment

1. Place the trimmer on the ground, then start the engine, and then allow it to idle 2-3 minutes until warm.
2. If the attachment moves when the engine is at idle, reduce the idle speed by turning the idle adjustment screw counter-clockwise.
3. If a tachometer is available, adjust idle. Check Specifications page for correct idle speed.

NOTE:

Carburetor fuel mixture adjustments are preset at factory and cannot be serviced in the field



Adjusting engine idle

Long Term Storage

Whenever the unit will not be used for 30 days or longer, use the following procedures to prepare it for storage:

- Clean external parts thoroughly and apply a light coating of oil to all metal surfaces.
- Drain all the fuel from the carburetor and the fuel tank.

To do so:

1. Prime the primer bulb until no more fuel is passing through.
2. Start and run the engine until it stops running.
3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 until the engine will no longer start.

CAUTION!

Gasoline stored in the carburetor for extended periods can cause hard starting, and could also lead to increased service and maintenance costs.

IMPORTANT!

All stored fuels should be stabilized with a fuel stabilizer such as STA-BIL™.

NOTE:

Damage resulting from stale or contaminated fuel is not covered by the Shindaiwa warranty policy.

- Remove the spark plug and pour about 1/4 oz. of engine oil into the cylinder through the spark plug hole. Slowly pull the recoil starter 2 or 3 times so oil will evenly coat the interior of the engine. Reinstall the spark plug.
- Before storing the unit, repair or replace any worn or damaged parts.
- Remove the air cleaner element from the carburetor and clean it thoroughly with soap and water. Let dry and reassemble the element.
- Store the unit in a clean, dust-free area.

Troubleshooting Guide

ENGINE DOES NOT START OR HARD TO START

What To Check	Possible Cause	Remedy
Vaporlock.	Engine hot/heat soaked.	Let cool completely and restart.
	Low fuel quality.	Refill with fresh, clean unleaded gasoline with a pump octane of 89 or higher mixed with an air cooled engine oil that meets or exceeds ISO-L-EGD and/or JASO FD classified oils at 50:1 gasoline/oil ratio.

ENGINE DOES NOT START

What To Check		Possible Cause	Remedy
Does the engine crank?	NO	Faulty recoil starter.	Consult with an authorized Shindaiwa servicing dealer.
		Fluid in the crankcase.	
YES		Internal damage.	
Good compression?	NO	Loose spark plug.	Tighten and re-test.
		Excess wear on cylinder, piston, rings.	Consult with an authorized Shindaiwa servicing dealer.
YES			
Does the tank contain fresh fuel of the proper grade?	NO	Fuel incorrect, stale, or contaminated; mixture incorrect.	Refill with fresh, clean unleaded gasoline with a pump octane of 89 or higher mixed with an air cooled engine oil that meets or exceeds ISO-L-EGD and/or JASO FD classified oils at 50:1 gasoline/oil ratio.
YES			
Is fuel visible and moving in the return line when priming?	NO	Check for clogged fuel filter and/or vent.	Replace fuel filter or vent as required. Re-start.
		Priming pump not functioning properly.	Consult with an authorized Shindaiwa servicing dealer.
YES			
Is there spark at the spark plug wire terminal?	NO	The ignition switch is in "O" (OFF) position.	Move switch to "I" (ON) position and re-start.
		Shorted ignition ground.	Consult with an authorized Shindaiwa servicing dealer.
YES		Faulty ignition unit.	
Check the spark plug.		If the plug is wet, excess fuel may be in the cylinder.	See "Starting a Flooded Engine"
		The plug is fouled or improperly gapped.	Clean and gap the spark plug. Check the Specifications section for the correct plug and gap for your unit. Restart.
		The plug is damaged internally or of the wrong size.	Replace the spark plug. Check the Specifications section for the correct plug and gap for your unit. Restart.

Troubleshooting Guide (continued)

LOW POWER OUTPUT

What To Check	Possible Cause	Remedy
Is the engine overheating?	Operator is overworking the unit.	Use a lower throttle setting.
	Carburetor mixture is too lean.	Consult with an authorized Shindaiwa servicing dealer.
	Improper fuel ratio.	Refill with fresh, clean unleaded gasoline with a pump octane of 89 or higher mixed with an air cooled engine oil that meets or exceeds ISO-L-EGD and/or JASO FD classified oils at 50:1 gasoline/oil ratio.
	Fan, fan cover, cylinder fins dirty or damaged.	Clean, repair or replace as necessary.
	Carbon deposits on the piston or in the muffler.	Consult with an authorized Shindaiwa servicing dealer.
Engine is rough at all speeds. May also have black smoke and/or unburned fuel at the exhaust.	Clogged air cleaner element.	Service the air cleaner element.
	Loose or damaged spark plug.	Tighten or replace the spark plug. Check the *Specifications* section for the correct plug and gap for your unit.
	Air leakage or clogged fuel line.	Repair or replace fuel filter and/or fuel line.
	Water in the fuel.	Refill with fresh, clean unleaded gasoline with a pump octane of 89 or higher mixed with an air cooled engine oil that meets or exceeds ISO-L-EGD and/or JASO FD classified oils at 50:1 gasoline/oil ratio.
	Piston seizure.	Consult with an authorized Shindaiwa servicing dealer.
	Faulty carburetor and/or diaphragm.	
Engine is knocking.	Overheating condition.	Consult with an authorized Shindaiwa servicing dealer.
	Improper fuel.	Refill with fresh, clean unleaded gasoline with a pump octane of 89 or higher mixed with an air cooled engine oil that meets or exceeds ISO-L-EGD and/or JASO FD classified oils at 50:1 gasoline/oil ratio.
	Carbon deposits in the combustion chamber.	Consult with an authorized Shindaiwa servicing dealer.

Troubleshooting Guide (continued)

ADDITIONAL PROBLEMS

Symptom	Possible Cause	Remedy
Poor acceleration.	Clogged air filter.	Clean the air filter.
	Clogged fuel filter.	Replace the fuel filter.
	Lean fuel/air mixture.	Consult with an authorized Shindaiwa servicing dealer.
	Idle speed set too low.	Adjust idle. Check *Specifications* page for correct idle speed.
Engine stops abruptly.	Ignition switch turned off.	Reset the switch and re-start.
	Fuel tank empty.	Refill with fresh, clean unleaded gasoline with a pump octane of 89 or higher mixed with an air cooled engine oil that meets or exceeds ISO-L-EGD and/or JASO FD classified oils at 50:1 gasoline/oil ratio.
	Water in the fuel.	
	Clogged fuel filter.	Replace fuel filter.
	Shorted spark plug or loose terminal.	Clean or replace spark plug. Check the *Specifications* section for the correct plug and gap for your unit. Tighten the terminal.
	Ignition failure.	Replace the ignition unit.
	Piston seizure.	Consult with an authorized Shindaiwa servicing dealer.
Engine difficult to shut off.	Ground (stop) wire is disconnected, or switch is defective.	Test and replace as required.
	Overheating due to incorrect spark plug.	Replace the spark plug. Check the Specifications section for the correct plug and gap for your unit. Restart.
	Overheated engine.	Idle engine until cool.
Engine will not idle down.	Idle set too high.	Adjust idle. Check Specifications page for correct idle speed.
	Engine has an air leak.	Consult with an authorized Shindaiwa servicing dealer.
Cutting attachment moves at engine idle.	Engine idle too high.	Adjust idle. Check Specifications page for correct idle speed.
	Broken clutch spring or worn clutch spring boss.	Replace spring/shoes as required, check idle speed.
Excessive vibration.	Loose attachment holder.	Inspect and re-tighten holders securely.
	Warped or damaged attachment.	Inspect and replace attachment as required.
	Loose gearcase.	Tighten gearcase securely.
	Bent main shaft/worn or damaged bushings.	Inspect and replace as necessary.
Cutting attachment will not move.	Shaft not installed in powerhead or gearcase.	Inspect and reinstall as required.
	Broken shaft.	Consult with an authorized Shindaiwa servicing dealer.
	Damaged gearcase.	

SHINDAIWA LIMITED WARRANTY STATEMENT FOR
PRODUCT SOLD IN USA AND CANADA BEGINNING 01/01/2010

ECHO, INC'S RESPONSIBILITY

ECHO Incorporated's (ECHO, INC.) Limited Warranty, provides to the original purchaser that this Shindaiwa product is free from defects in material and workmanship. Under normal use and maintenance from date of purchase, ECHO, INC. agrees to repair or replace at it's discretion, any defective product free of charge at any authorized Shindaiwa servicing dealer within listed below application time periods, limitations and exclusions. **THIS LIMITED WARRANTY IS ONLY APPLICABLE TO SHINDAIWA PRODUCTS SOLD BY AUTHORIZED SHINDAIWA DEALERS. IT IS EXTENDED TO THE ORIGINAL PURCHASER ONLY, AND IS NOT TRANSFERABLE TO SUBSEQUENT OWNERS EXCEPT FOR EMISSION RELATED PARTS.** Repair parts and accessories replaced under this warranty are warranted only for the balance of the original unit or accessory warranty period. Any damage caused by improper installation or improper maintenance is not covered by this warranty. All parts or products replaced under warranty become the property of ECHO, INC. This warranty is separate from the Emission control warranty statement supplied with your new product. Please consult the Emission Control Warranty Statement for details regarding emission related parts. For a list of Authorized Shindaiwa Dealers refer to WWW.SHINDAIWA.COM or call **1-877-986-7783**.

OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY

To ensure trouble free warranty coverage it is important that you register your Shindaiwa equipment on-line at WWW.SHINDAIWA.COM or by filling out the warranty registration card supplied with your unit. Registering your product confirms your warranty coverage and provides a direct link if we find it necessary to contact you.

The owner shall demonstrate reasonable care and use, and follow preventative maintenance, storage, fuel and oil usage as prescribed in the operator's manual. Should a product difficulty occur, you must, at your expense, deliver or ship your Shindaiwa unit to an authorized Shindaiwa servicing dealer for warranty repairs (within the applicable warranty period), and arrange for pick-up or return of your unit after the repairs have been made. For your nearest authorized Shindaiwa servicing dealer, call Shindaiwa's Dealer Referral Center, at 1-877-986-7783 or you can locate a Shindaiwa servicing dealer at WWW.SHINDAIWA.COM. Should you require assistance or have questions concerning Shindaiwa's Warranty Statement, you can contact our Consumer Product Support Department at 1-800-673-1558 or contact us through the web at WWW.SHINDAIWA.COM.

PRODUCT WARRANTY PERIOD

RESIDENTIAL APPLICATION

- **2 YEAR WARRANTY** - Units for residential, or non-income producing use will be covered by this limited warranty for two (2) years from date of purchase.

  EXCEPTIONS:
  - For engine powered products, the electronic ignition module, flexible drive cable, and solid drive shaft are warranted for the life* of the product on parts only.
  - Cutting attachments such as, but not limited to, bars, chains, sprockets, tines, blades, PowerBroom™, belts, and nylon trimmer heads for residential or non-income producing use will be covered for failures due to defects in material or workmanship for a period of 60 days from original product purchase date. Any misuse from contact with concrete, rocks, or other structures is not covered by this warranty.
  - Multipurpose Tool Attachments carry the same warranty duration as the units they are designed to fit.

COMMERCIAL APPLICATION

- **90 DAY WARRANTY** - All Chain Saws and Cut-Off Saws for commercial, institutional, agricultural, industrial, or income producing use will be covered by this limited warranty for 90 Days from the date of purchase.
- **2 YEAR WARRANTY** - Units for commercial, institutional, agricultural, industrial, or income producing use will be covered by this limited warranty for two (2) years from the date of purchase.

  EXCEPTIONS:
  - For engine powered products, the electronic ignition module, flexible drive cables, and solid drive shafts are warranted for the life* of the product on parts only.
  - Cutting attachments such as, but not limited to, bars, chains, sprockets, tines, blades, PowerBroom™, belts, and nylon trimmer heads for commercial, institutional, agricultural, industrial, rental, or income producing will be covered for failures due to defects in material or workmanship for a period of 30 days from original product purchase date. Any misuse from contact with concrete, rocks, or other structures is not covered by this warranty.
  - Multipurpose Tool Attachments carry the same warranty duration as the units they are designed to fit.

RENTAL APPLICATION - 90 DAYS WARRANTY

- Units for rental use will be covered against defects in material and workmanship for a period of 90 days from the date of purchase.

* ECHO INC's liability under the "Lifetime" coverage is limited to furnishing parts specified under the PRODUCT Warranty PERIOD section of this warranty statement for "Life" free of charge for a period of ten (10) years after the date of the complete unit's final production.

PURCHASED REPAIR PARTS AND ACCESSORIES
- 90-day all applications

ATTENTION ENGINE POWERED PRODUCT OWNERS
This Shindaiwa engine powered product is a quality-engineered unit which has been manufactured to exact tolerances to provide superior performance. To help ensure the performance of the unit, it is required to use engine oil which meets the ISO-L-EGD Standard per ISO/CD 13738 and JASO M345/FD Standards. Shindaiwa Red Armor™ and Shindaiwa One™ are a premium engine oil specifically formulated to meet ISO-L-EGD (ISO/CD 13738) and JASO M345/FD Standards. The use of engine oils designed for other applications, such as for outboard motors or lawnmowers can result in severe engine damage, and will void your engine limited warranty.

THIS WARRANTY DOES NOT COVER DAMAGE CAUSED BY:
- Lack of lubrication or engine failure, due to the use of engine oils that do not meet the ISO-L-EGD (ISO/CD 13738) and JASO M345/FD Standards. Shindaiwa Red Armor™ and Shindaiwa One™ Engine Oil meets the ISO-L-EGD and JASO M345/FD Standard. Emission related parts are covered for 2 years regardless of engine oil used, per the statement listed in the EPA or California Emission Control Warranty Explanation.
- Damage caused by use of gasohol, containing methanol (wood alcohol), or gasoline containing less than 89 octane. Only use gasoline which contains 89 octane or higher. Gasohol which contains a maximum 10% ethanol (grain alcohol) or 15% MTBE (methyl/tertiary/butyl/ether) is also approved. The prescribed mixing ratio of gasoline to oil is listed on the Shindaiwa oil label and covered in your operator's manual.
- Engine damage caused by use of ether or any starting fluids.
- Damage caused by tampering with engine speed governor or emission components, or running engines above specified and recommended engine speeds as listed in your operator's manual.
- Operation of the unit with improperly maintained/removed cutting shield or removed/damaged air filter.
- Damage caused by dirt, pressure or steam cleaning the unit, salt water, corrosion, rust, varnish, abrasives, and moisture.
- Defects, malfunctions or failures resulting from abuse, misuse, neglect, modifications, alterations, normal wear, improper servicing, or use of unauthorized attachments.
- Incorrect storage procedures, stale fuel, including failure to provide or perform required maintenance services as prescribed in the operator's manual. Preventative maintenance as outlined in the operator's manual is the customer's responsibility.
- Failures due to improper set-up, pre-delivery service or repair service by anyone other than authorized Shindaiwa servicing dealer during the warranty period.
- Certain parts and other items are not warranted, including but not limited to: lubricants, starter cords, and engine tune-ups.
- Use of spark plugs other than those meeting performance and durability requirements of the OEM spark plug listed in the Operator's Manuals.
- Overheating or carbon scoring failures due to restricted, clogged exhaust port or combustion chamber, including damage to spark arrester screen.
- Adjustments after the first (30) thirty days and beyond, such as carburetor adjustment and throttle cable adjustment.
- Damage to gears or gear cases caused by contaminated grease or oil, use of incorrect type or viscosity of lubricants, and/or failure to comply with recommended grease or oil change intervals.
- Damage caused by pump or sprayer running dry, pumping or spraying caustic or flammable materials, or lack of or broken strainers.
- Additional damage to parts or components due to continued use after operational problem or failure occurs. Should operational problem or failure occur, the product should not be used, but delivered as is to an authorized Shindaiwa servicing dealer.

It is a dealer's and/or customer's responsibility to complete and return the warranty registration card supplied with your Shindaiwa product or by visiting WWW.SHINDAIWA.COM. Your receipt of purchase including date, model and serial number must be maintained and presented to an authorized Shindaiwa servicing dealer for warranty service. Proof of purchase rests solely with the customer. Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above limitations may not apply to you. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so you may also have other specific legal rights which vary from state to state. This limited warranty is given by ECHO Incorporated, 400 Oakwood Rd., Lake Zurich, IL 60047.

DISCLAIMER OF IMPLIED WARRANTIES
This limited warranty is in lieu of all other expressed or implied warranties, including any warranty of FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR USE and any implied warranty of **MERCHANTABILITY** otherwise applicable to this product. ECHO, INC. and its affiliated companies shall not be liable for any special incidental or consequential damage, including lost profits. There are no warranties extended other than as provided herein. This limited warranty may be modified only by ECHO, INC.

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ECHO INCORPORATED EMISSION CONTROL WARRANTY STATEMENT
FOR ECHO AND SHINDAIWA BRANDS

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the California Air Resources Board (C.A.R.B.) and ECHO Incorporated (ECHO Inc.) are pleased to explain the emission control system warranty on your 2010 and later equipment/small off-road engine (SORE). New equipment/SORE must be designed, built and equipped to meet stringent EPA and C.A.R.B. anti-smog standards. ECHO Inc. must warrant the emission control system on your equipment/SORE for the periods of time listed below, provided there has been no abuse, neglect or improper maintenance of your equipment/SORE. Your emission control system may include parts such as: carburetor, fuel-injection system, ignition system, catalytic converter/muffler, fuel tank, fuel feed lines, fuel cap assembly, spark plug, air filters, and other associated components. Where a warrantable condition exists, ECHO Inc will repair your equipment/SORE at no cost to you including diagnosis, parts and labor. The Emission Control System warranty is extended to the original owner including all subsequent owners.

MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY COVERAGE:
The emission control system is warranted for 2 years or the length of the ECHO Inc. warranty, whichever is longer. If any emission-related part on your equipment is defective, the part will be repaired or replaced by ECHO Inc. or its Authorized Service Representative.

OWNER'S WARRANTY RESPONSIBILITIES:
As the equipment/SORE owner, you are responsible for the performance of the required maintenance listed in your Operator's Manual. ECHO Inc. recommends that you retain all receipts covering maintenance on your equipment/SORE however, ECHO Inc. cannot deny warranty solely for the lack of receipts or for your failure to ensure the performance of all scheduled maintenance. As the equipment/SORE owner, you should be aware that ECHO Inc. may deny you warranty coverage if your equipment/SORE or a part has failed due to abuse, neglect, improper maintenance or unapproved modifications.

You are responsible for presenting your equipment/SORE to an ECHO Inc. authorized service representative as soon as a problem exists. The warranty repairs should be completed in a reasonable amount of time, not to exceed 30 days. If a warrantable condition exists and there is no Authorized Dealer within 100 miles, ECHO Inc. will pay to ship the unit to the nearest authorized dealer. If you have questions regarding your warranty coverage, you should contact ECHO Inc. at 1-800-673-1558, web site WWW.ECHO-USA.COM or contact Shindaiwa at 1-877-986-7783, web site WWW.SHINDAIWA.COM.

WHAT DOES THIS WARRANTY COVER?
ECHO Inc. warrants that your equipment/SORE was designed, built and equipped to conform with applicable EPA and C.A.R.B. emissions standards and that your equipment/SORE is free from defects in material and workmanship that would cause it to fail to conform with applicable requirements for 2 years or the length of the ECHO Inc. warranty, whichever is longer. The warranty period begins on the date the product is purchased by an end user.

HOW WILL A COVERED PART BE CORRECTED?
If there is a defect in a part covered by this warranty, any ECHO Inc. Authorized Service Dealer will correct the defect. You will not have to pay anything to have the part adjusted, repaired or replaced. This includes any labor and diagnosis for warranted repairs performed by the dealer. In addition, engine parts not expressly covered under this warranty but whose failure is a result of a failure of a covered part will be warranted.

WHAT PARTS ARE COVERED?
Any applicable emission related part not scheduled for "required maintenance" will be repaired or replaced within the warranty period. The repaired or replaced part will be warranted for the remaining ECHO Inc. warranty period.

Any warranted part that is scheduled only for regular inspection in the written instructions supplied is warranted for the warranty period stated above. Any such part repaired or replaced under warranty will be warranted for the remaining ECHO Inc. warranty period.

Any emission related part scheduled for replacement during "required maintenance" is warranted for the period of time prior to the first scheduled replacement point for that part. Any such part repaired or replaced under warranty shall be warranted for the remainder of the period prior to the first scheduled replacement point for that part.

Any manufacturer-approved replacement part may be used in the performance of any warranty maintenance or repairs on emission related parts, and must be provided without charge if the part is still under warranty.

Any replacement part that is equivalent in performance and durability may be used in non-warranty maintenance or repairs, and shall not reduce the warranty obligations of the manufacturer.

Throughout the equipment/SORE warranty period, ECHO Inc. will maintain a supply of warranted parts sufficient to meet the expected demand for such parts.

SPECIFIC EMISSION RELATED WARRANTED PARTS:

- Electronic Ignition System
- Catalytic Converter / Muffler Assembly
- Choke
- Fuel Tank
- Air Filter
- Spark Plug
- Carburetor (complete assembly or replaceable components)
- Fuel-Injection Assembly (or replaceable components)
- Fuel Cap Assembly
- Fuel Feed Line (and associated clamps/connectors as applicable)

WHAT IS NOT COVERED?
Any failure caused by abuse, neglect, improper maintenance, unapproved modifications, use of unapproved add-on parts/modified parts or unapproved accessories.

This Emission Control Warranty is valid only for the U.S.A., it's Territories, and Canada.

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Servicing Information

Parts/Serial Number

Genuine Shindaiwa Parts and Assemblies for your Shindaiwa products are available only from an Authorized Shindaiwa Dealer. When you do need to buy parts **always** have the Model Number, Type and Serial Number of the unit with you. You can find these numbers on the engine. For future reference, write them in the space provided below.

Model No. _____ SN. _____

Service

Service of this product during the warranty period must be performed by an Authorized Shindaiwa Service Dealer. For the name and address of the Authorized Shindaiwa Service Dealer nearest you, ask your retailer or call: 1-877-986-7783**.** Dealer information is also available on WWW.SHINDAIWA.COM. When presenting your unit for Warranty service/repairs, proof of purchase is required.

Consumer Product Support

If you require assistance or have questions concerning the application, operation or maintenance of this product you may call the Shindaiwa Consumer Product Support Department at 1-877-986-7783 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm (Central Standard Time) Monday through Friday. Before calling, please know the model and serial number of your unit.

Warranty Registration

To ensure trouble free warranty coverage it is important that you register your Shindaiwa equipment by filling out the warranty registration card supplied with your unit. Registering your product confirms your warranty coverage and provides a direct link if we find it necessary to contact you.

Additional or Replacement Manuals

Replacement Operator and Parts Catalogs are available from your Shindaiwa dealer or at WWW.SHINDAIWA.COM or by contacting the Consumer Product Support Department (1-877-986-7783). Always check WWW.SHINDAIWA.COM for updated information.

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